crores while the actual expenditure was rupees 299.63 crores for Broadcasting was Information Departments; and

(b) if so, the reasons for reduction of the expenditure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for reduction of Plan expenditure during the year 1991-92 are as under:—

(i) Imposition of 5 per cent cut on the expenditure provisions contained in the sanctioned Budget Estimates for the year 1991-92;

(ii) Consequent upon the directions of Ministry of Finance in the context of the need to bring down the fiscal deficit to a more manageable level, a review was conducted and schemes and activities which could be eliminated or reduced in size were identified; and

(iii) General economy instructions issued from time to time by the Department of Expenditure.

Telecast of Sanskrit News on National network of Doordarshan

2367. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to telecast Sanskrit news in the near future on the National Network of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be telecast;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is the mother of all Indian languages and is one of the most scientific and ancient languages which promotes culture and harmony; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in telecasting Sanskrit news on National Network?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) There is no proposal, at present, to introduce Sanskrit news bulletin on Doordarshan on account of paucity of transmission time and resources.

Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot

2368. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat have made a proposal to establish a Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State for Regional Network until the uplink facility is provided in the INSAT-I for INSAT-II; if so, by when it would be possible to provide such linkage;

(b) whether Gujarat Government has made proposal for a microwave linkage between Ahmedabad and Delhi Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, considering the fact that Satellite derived regional service is envisaged to be introduced in Gujarat by December, 1992, there is no proposal to provide a microwave linkage between the various TV transmitters in the State or between the Doordarshan Kendras of Delhi and Ahmedabad.